

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claim 16 has been newly added herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect Group XII (Claims 14 and 15).

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 5 will be examined with the elected group.

Claim 2 is an apparatus claim that corresponds in some respects to elected claims 14 and 15. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claim 2 in addition to claims 1 and 5

New claim 16 depends from elected claim 14. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 16 also be considered.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of claims 1, 2, 5 and 14-16.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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